

# DISAWAY NEWS

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Happy New Year everyone. Here we are again at the beginning of a new year—2010. I say every year where does the time go!

Lots to tell you this year so I had better get on.

## The Committee

I have told you about all the committee members now, we are always trying to recruit new members but not very successful I'm afraid. One good thing is that we haven't lost any!

My circumstances have changed so you may like to know about that. I have now retired from the Police Service after 30 years. Where did that 30 years go?, I really don't know.

I am really looking forward to doing lots of things that I never seemed to have time for when I worked. One of my goals is to get a dog so hopefully that will keep me fit walking every day. I am also getting 2 kittens so that should be fun and I would also like to learn to play the piano!

## DID YOU KNOW YOU'RE PAST IT WHEN

You can't take out a thirty year mortgage.

Your mind not only wonders, but sometimes leaves completely.

Your childhood toys are now in a museum.

You go on a summer holiday and pack a sweater.

You put on 2 pounds eating an olive.

Your short term memory has been replaced by a notepad and pen—but you can't remember where you put them.

You realise that a stamp today costs more than a picture show did when you were growing up.

You feel like the morning after, but did nothing the night before.

## FLAG DAYS

As you know we raise some of our money by collection at various places. **We do need help at these flag days, especially from holidaymakers.** Maybe we could do one near you! So please ring Sue if have any suggestions or are able to help on 01932865689.

## The Internet

For those of you that have access to the internet, please look at our Website. It will be updated soon with 2010 details

[www.disaway.co.uk](http://www.disaway.co.uk)

## FOR SALE

- A Freedom Bathing Cushion. It has been designed to provide the ultimate in comfortable bathing. It fits in the bath. It can be inflated to allow you to get in and then be deflated whilst bathing, then inflated again to get out.
- Was £500 when new, used only a few times. Price £50
- A Dolomite Jazz Rollator with brakes. A walking support, can be used as a seat.
- Again in very good condition was £95 when new. Price £25

## FUNDRAISING

**This year it will be very difficult again to raise our target with the credit crunch and the world financial situation. We will have to work very hard because otherwise we won't have Disaway and many people won't have a holiday.**

**In the current financial year 2009/2010, we are still working hard to raise that years target. The problem of course is we don't raise it then we start off the next year in a bad position.**

**We introduced small collection boxes last year, for people to have at home. An ideal spot for your spare change or even some form of fundraising. We have had some boxes back but I'm sure there are a few more to come, so maybe you could bring them to the reunion.**

**If anyone is interested in having a box then please let me know and I will send you one.**

The Reunion

23rd January 2010

It's nice to get Xmas over and done with before we get together at the reunion. This year we thought we would have a change from a buffet so we have got a choice of hot meals. We will have a raffle and bring & buy sale as we have for the last few years so please bring along any unwanted gifts. For those that attended last year, you will remember that I brought the projector along so hopefully I will remember how to use it again this year! Do bring your holiday photos on a CD for us all to see.

**2009 Holidays**

As you know we had 2 holidays, one to the Isle of Wight and the other to Spain. I only went on the Spain holiday but have been told that the Isle of Wight holiday was very good.

Even with all the ups and downs in Spain I think overall it was a great holiday.

**The Barn Holton Lee, Poole, Dorset**

The Barn offers friendly, family style accommodation in a brand new state of the art building with 10 twin en-suite, fully accessible bedrooms, for up to 20 guests.

Their mission statement—'empowering and resourcing people, particularly carers and disabled people, through creativity, environmental awareness, personal growth and spirituality'.

**Show Review / Book Review / Film Review for 2009**

Two of my favourite shows were—Sister Act and La Cage aux Folles.

Two of my favourite films were — The Curious Case of Benjamin Button and Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince.

Two of my favourite books were— The Time Travellers Wife by Audrey Niffenegger and a cook book 'Cook Simple' by Diana Henry.

**4 THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO**

**FIRST Emergency**

*The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is **112**. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial **112** and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, This number **112** can be dialled even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.*

**SECOND Have you locked your keys in the car?**

*Does your car have remote keyless entry? This information may come in handy someday. If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, just call someone at home and ask them to get your spare key and their mobile phone. Then hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at home press the unlock button on the spare key, holding it near their mobile phone. Your car will unlock and saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away but if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' key or your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).*

**THIRD Hidden Battery Power**

*Imagine your mobile battery is very low. To reactivate, press the keys **\*3370#** and your mobile will restart with this reserve and will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you next recharge your mobile.*

**FOURTH How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?**

*To check your mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: **\*#06#** A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone get stolen you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the **SIM** card your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use it or sell it either. If everybody did this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.*

**2010 Holidays**

We decided to have only 2 holidays this year. The first one is another cruise in June (Russia & Scandinavia) and the second in September is to Harrogate in Nth Yorkshire. They are both new venues for us although the hotel in Harrogate is owned by the same company as the hotel we went to on the Isle of Wight in 2009.

GOOD LUCK IN 2010 FROM DISAWAY. HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A HOLIDAY.

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